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Contractor Employee Pleads Guilty to Clean Water Act Violation

The Department of Defense (DoD) Office of the Inspector General (OIG) announced today that Loch Louman, a former employee of AMEC Civil, LLC, pled guilty in U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia, Richmond, VA, to a single count of Depositing Refuse in Navigable Water of the United States in violation of Title 33 of the United States Code, Sections 407 and 411. Louman had been indicted in this matter on July 18, 2006.

Louman had been employed by AMEC Civil, LLC, as the project manager for the Clarksville, VA, Route 58 Bypass Project that crossed the Kerr Reservoir, an Army Corps of Engineers managed waterway. The Route 58 Bypass Project was contracted to AMEC Civil, LLC (previously known as Morse Diesel) by the Virginia Department of Transportation. Investigation found that Louman had a role in causing the discharge of concrete slurry into the Kerr Reservoir during the construction of concrete piers under that project.

Louman is scheduled to be sentenced on April 30, 2007, and he faces a maximum penalty of up to one year imprisonment, one year supervised release, a special assessment fee, and a \$25,000 fine.

This investigation was conducted jointly by the Defense Criminal Investigative Service, the criminal investigative arm of the DoD OIG; the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Criminal Investigations Division; and the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality. Assistant United States Attorney Olivia Hawkins, Eastern District of Virginia, Richmond, VA, handled the prosecution of this case.

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